

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended to Applicant and Applicants Representative during the January 28 personal interview. During the interview, Claim 44 was discussed and a tentative agreement reached to differentiate the claim from the relied upon references. Further to February 19, February 23, and February 25 emails, and a February 25 telephone conference, it was agreed that revised Claim 44 was patentably distinguishable from the relied upon references.

Accordingly, the independent claims have been amended in a similar manner to Claim 44, and it is believed the specifically claimed combination of features is neither taught, suggested, nor disclosed in the relied upon references. Accordingly, with the claims being patentably distinguishable, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance; the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 19-1970 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby Petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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